

*Theft in the house of Miss Anne Mascarene.*

67. **MR. K. KESAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state:  
 (a) whether a complaint has been received about the theft in the house of Miss Anne Mascarene M. A. B. L.;  
 (b) whether a complaint has been received that a policeman dashed his cycle against her on the public road;  
 (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted on the above complaint; and  
 (d) if so, with what result?

**MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO :** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The theft is being enquired into, and is still under investigation.

*Remission of tax in the Karunagapally taluk.*

68. **MR. K. KESAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation to the effect that since the crops of 1113 in the Karunagapally taluk have failed the whole tax for 1113 should be remitted?

**MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI :** Yes. Representations have been received and the question of granting remission in deserving cases is under consideration?

*Disease to cocoanut trees in the Karunagapally taluk.*

69. **MR. K. KESAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state:  
 (a) whether in several parts of the taluks of Karunagapally and Karthikapally the cocoanut trees are attacked by disease; and  
 (b) if so, whether anything is being done for the prevention of the disease?

**MR. K. R. NARAYANA IYER (Director of Agriculture and Fisheries.):**

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

*Interference of Government Officers in the recent by-election.*

70. **MR. K. KESAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state:  
 (a) whether they have received any complaint that Government officers publicly conducted propaganda work in favour of Mr. P. Narayana Pillai B. A., B. L., in the by-election held in Mavelikara-Kunnathur constituency, on 28-10-1113;  
 (b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted on the matter; and  
 (c) if so, its result?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN :** (a) Some representations have been received.

(b) & (c) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

*Case against Mr. A. Narayana Pillai B. A., B. L.*

71. **MR. K. KESAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state:  
 (a) whether the trial of the sedition case against Mr. A. Narayana Pillai B. A., B. L., was conducted in the Sessions Court during the last mid-summer vacation;

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(b) whether the trial of any case has been conducted during vacation in the Travancore Courts at any time in the past; and

(c) the reason for the trial of Mr. A. Narayana Pillai's case being conducted during vacation time itself;

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Because the High Court found it inadvisable that there should be delay in the trial of the case in the Sessions Court and that the accused should remain in jail for two months for which period the Sessions Judges were enjoying the midsummer recess.

*Government balance in the shape of deposits and otherwise.*

72. MR. K. KESAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Government balance in the shape of deposits and otherwise on the 1st Chingom 1105; and

(b) the amount of Government balance as deposits and otherwise on the 1st Mithunam 1113?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN: (a) Rs. 355.63 lakhs.

(b) It is not possible to furnish the information required by the member as the balances under Debt Head accounts are worked out only at the close of each year.

*Rubber Restriction Scheme.*

73. MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of any proposal or announcement by the Controller of the Indian Rubber Licensing Committee restricting to about 6,400 acres, the new planting area of rubber in India between 1st January 1938 to 31st December 1940;

(b) If the answer to part (a) be in the affirmative, whether the Government of Travancore were consulted before the above Committee or Controller came to such a conclusion;

(c) whether the Government of Travancore have agreed to or approved of any such proposal;

(d) whether the proposal is intended to give a monopoly to existing estate owners;

(e) whether the proposal interferes with the right of opening new Rubber Plantations in Travancore;

(f) whether this proposal is intended for benefiting big concerns as against other Estate or Companies which may have no reserve lands;

(g) whether the area so limited by the above said Committee is to be distributed only among the planters in India who desire to extend their existing estates on their own lands;